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1981 AUSTRALIA at a glance

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

DEMOGRAPHY AND MANPOWER

1977-78

1978-79

1979-80

Population and vitals

Population at 30 June	'000	14 249	14 422	p14 616
aged less than 15	%	26 1	25 7	p25 3
aged 15-64	—	64 6	64 9	p65 1
aged 65 and over	—	9 2	9 4	p9 6
Births	'000	226	223	p224
Deaths	—	108	108	p106
Marriages	—	102	100	p107

Overseas movements

Net permanent and long term movement	000	+56	+58	+77
Visitors arriving short term	"	581	700	877
Residents departing short term	"	1 005	1 132	1 205

Labour force

Civilian labour force, May--males	'000	4 073	4 119	4 201
females	"	2 321	2 321	2 450
Unemployed persons, May	"	395	397	414
Job vacancies, May	"	32.2	34.3	29.8
Trade union membership, December	"	2 802	2 808	2 855
Industrial disputes, work days lost	"	1 912	3 630	3 323

Wages, weekly earnings and hours

Wage rates index, adult males	1954=100	525	560	609
Earnings (per employed male unit)	\$	209 50	225 70	247 60
Hours (incl. overtime), full-time non-manual adult males, May	No	41 0	41 3	41 1

FINANCE

Government finance

	\$ m	29 360	32 094	n/a
Current receipts (all governments)				
Cw/ith income tax, persons	..	12 122	12 797	15 040
Other Cw/ith government taxes	..	9 379	10 737	12 512
State and local government taxes	..	5 466	5 933	6 628
Total outlay (all governments)	..	35 722	38 793	n/a
Final consumption expenditure	..	15 252	16 756	18 822
Transfers to persons	..	8 700	9 553	10 382
Expenditure on new fixed assets	..	7 802	8 142	8 914

Private finance

Trading bank deposits, June balances	\$ m	19 746	22 179	25 643
Savings bank deposits, June balances	"	18 052	19 839	21 268
Housing loans approved to individuals				
Trading banks	"	871	1 006	1 051
Savings banks	"	2 245	2 635	2 797
Permanent building societies	"	1 733	2 140	2 415
Other significant lenders	"	1 067	1 089	1 188
Finance companies, loan balances, June	"	14 641	16 511	18 784
New money raised, listed companies				
Shares	"	350	330	1 082
Debentures, secured notes etc.	"	1 119	878	1 453
Life insurance, value of new policies	"	20 782	22 261	27 112

INTERNATIONAL COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES—1979

Country	Estimated Population	Gross Domestic Product	Consumer Price Index —All Groups 1975=100
	'000	\$A '000 m	
Australia	14 417	108 1	150 1
Belgium	9 849	99 7	127 6
Canada	23 691	199 3	138 1
Denmark	5 117	58 7	146 0
Finland	4 764	37 2	149 0
France	53 478	507 1	144 8
Germany, Federal Republic of	61 337	676 0	115 9
Greece	p9 450	33 6	170 2
Ireland	3 370	13 3	163 6
Italy	56 888	285 0	178 0
Japan	116 133	p919 8	127 0
Luxembourg	p358	3 7	126 3
Netherlands	14 030	135 8	125 6
Norway	4 074	40 5	135 0
Portugal	9 867	18 1	215 5
Spain	37 108	176 6	203 0
Sweden	8 296	92 4	145 0
Switzerland	6 348	84 1	107 9
Turkey	p43 678	59 1	344 0
United Kingdom	55 952	350 0	165 8
U S A	220 584	2 101 1	134 9

Sources: For foreign countries OECD *Main Economic Indicators*, July 1980
Japan—1980 *Japan Statistical Year Book*

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OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

		1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
Overseas trade (b)				
Total exports, f.o.b.	\$ m	12 270	14 243	18 870
Total imports	"	11 167	13 752	16 218
Percentage of total exports to—	%			
Japan	"	31.8	28.8	26.9
EEC	"	14.0	14.1	14.2
Percentage of total imports from—	"			
EEC	"	25.2	25.6	23.5
USA	"	20.8	23.5	19.0
Major export commodities, f.o.b.				
Wool (greasy)	\$ m	994	1 227	1 283
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	"	1 069	1 650	1 650
Wheat	"	1 009	794	2 177
Machinery and transport equipment	"	547	673	857
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	"	2 330	2 478	3 245
Coal, coke and briquettes	"	1 489	1 533	1 688
Sugar	"	537	448	667
Major import commodities				
Machinery	"	2 840	3 645	3 932
Transport equipment	"	1 307	2 086	1 723
Petroleum and petroleum products	"	1 160	1 137	2 094
Balance of payments				
Balance on current account	\$ m	-2 510	-3 212	-1 209
Balance of trade (B.O.P. basis)	"	861	582	2 805
Net invisibles	"	-3 370	-3 794	-4 014
Net apparent capital inflow	"	1 967	3 088	908
Government capital	"	1 564	1 354	-41
Private capital	"	825	1 805	1 485
Non-official monetary sector	"	-6	60	124
Net official monetary movements	"	-542	-124	-301

TRANSPORT

Motor vehicles on register, June	'000	7 115	7 358	n.y.a.
Car and station wagons, June	"	5 462	5 857	n.y.a.
New motor vehicles registered	"	602	618	622
Civil aviation (passenger km)				
Regular internal services	mil	8 181	8 620	n.y.a.
Overseas services (Australian airline)	"	12 030	14 318	16 296

BUILDING

New houses (number completed)	'000	100.1	93.1	100.1
New other dwellings (number completed)	"	28.8	24.1	29.2
Value of new dwellings completed	\$ m	3 596	3 530	4 175
Value of other buildings completed	"	2 604	2 800	3 342

(b) Commodity statistics prior to 1 July 1978 are not directly comparable with those for 1978-79 and later years because from 1 July 1978 the ABS adopted the 2nd Revision of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev. 2) as the basis for its commodity statistics.

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PRODUCTION AND RETAIL SALES

1977-78 1978-79 1979-80

Agriculture

Gross value of agriculture	\$ m	6 984	10 248	11 785
Crops	"	3 059	4 930	5 535
Livestock slaughtering etc	"	1 954	3 098	3 687
Livestock products	"	1 970	2 220	2 563
Wheat production	'000 tonnes	9 370	18 090	16 117
Wool production	"	677	706	713
Meat production	"	2 897	2 708	2 332

Mining

Bauxite	'000 tonnes	24 826	25 649	28 039
Iron ore (a)	"	90 261	84 181	96 984
Black coal	"	78 919	81 668	81 270
Crude oil	'000 cu m	25 323	24 855	23 667
Natural gas	million cu m	6 953	7 767	9 008

Manufacturing

Steel ingots	'000 tonnes	7 532	7 541	7 895
Cement	"	5 016	5 085	5 354
Tobacco and cigarettes	"	30	30	30
Beer	m litres	2 005	1 986	1 942
Finished motor vehicles	'000	371	400	416
Electricity	m kWh	86 095	90 857	95 910
Electric motors— under 720 W	'000	2 570	2 842	3 352
Yarn—Cotton	'000 kg	22 460	21 103	21 868
Wool	"	19 276	20 401	20 134

**Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles,
parts, petrol etc.)**

\$ m	23 643	26 170	29 098
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PRICE INDEXES

Consumer (6 capital cities)	1966-67=100	241	261	287
Export	1974-75=100	128	144	174
Building materials—House	1966-67=100	252.0	268.1	302.9
Other	"	249.7	268.1	303.0
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1968-69=100	198.5	248.8	321.7
Articles produced	"	213.8	237.4	274.9

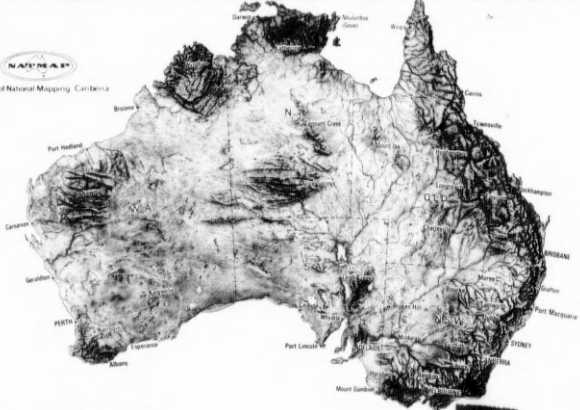
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$ m	90 278	101 133	113 816
Gross farm product	"	4 041	6 473	7 243
GDP at 1974-75 prices	"	65 534	68 116	69 596
Gross farm product at 1974-75 prices	"	3 787	4 993	4 527
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	20 563	22 708	24 924
Gross fixed capital exp.—private	"	12 617	14 483	15 986
Household income	"	78 024	86 779	96 590
Personal consumption expenditure	"	55 018	61 726	69 223

(a) Includes iron concentrates and iron ore for pellet production



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